



# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division  
Vancouver, Washington Division  
Community Based Outpatient Clinics  
Salem, OR Bend, OR  
Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)  
Hillsboro, OR East Portland, OR*



## NOTICE OF VACANCY \*Amended 3/24/10

1. <u>Announcement Number</u>  <b>T38-10-0081-SJ</b>	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u>  <b>Clinical Psychologist (NW Pain Network) FS GS-180-13 \$86,260 to \$112,136 per annum (Based on full-time employment)</b>	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u>  <b>TBD M-F</b>	4. <u>Duty Station</u>  <b>Operative Care Division, Portland Division</b>
5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u>  <b>Permanent 1 part-time position</b>	6. <u>Contact</u>  <b>Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236</b>	7. <u>Opening Date</u>  <b>1/20/2010</b>	8. <u>Closing Date</u>  <b>7/20/2010 1<sup>st</sup> consideration date 2/2/2010</b>

### WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.
- Any US Citizen

### MAJOR DUTIES:

The psychologist applies advanced professional psychological diagnostic methods and evidence-based intervention strategies to a full range of patient problems in his/her work setting. Has advanced knowledge of psychological diagnosis, intervention, and behavioral health that qualifies him/her to provide advice and consultation to professionals representing a variety of disciplines. The psychologist is assigned to the NW Pain Network within the Anesthesia Service of the Operative Care Division.

**Clinical Responsibilities (75%):** Provides a full range of psychological assessment services including individual and group therapy and diagnoses mental disorders, particularly for chronic pain patients.

**Administrative Responsibilities (15%):** Assists the program director or coordinator in the design, development, and implementation of clinical programs for a team of treatment providers.

**Teaching and Training (10%):** Provides clinical supervision and instruction for psychology interns and pain fellows. The psychologist exercises independent judgment in the practice and provision of psychological services (clinical care, consultation, and education). Consults with peers, first line supervisor and the Chief of Anesthesia Service, as needed. Reports to the NW Pain Network Director as the first line supervisor; the Chief of Anesthesia assumes broad oversight responsibility for the structure and functioning of the program to which the psychologist is assigned. The NW Pain Network Director acts as the approving official for the psychologist, to ensure adherence to professional standards of the practice of psychology as well as fulfillment of responsibilities for training psychology interns.

### **THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

**Eligibility:** VA Handbook 5005, Pt II, Appendix G18 for GS-180 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office.

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must have a doctoral degree in psychology from a graduate program in psychology accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA)
- \*Have successfully completed a professional psychology internship training program that has been accredited by APA. Exceptions: (1) new VHA psychology internship programs that are in the process of applying for APA accreditation are acceptable in fulfillment of the internship requirement, provided that such programs were sanctioned by the VHA Central Office Program Director for Psychology and the VHA Central Office of Academic Affiliations at the time that the individual was an intern and (2) VHA facilities who offered full one-year pre-doctoral internships prior to PL 96-151 (pre-1979) are considered to be acceptable in fulfillment of the internship requirement.
- Full active, current and unrestricted licensure to practice psychology at the doctoral level in a state, territory, or commonwealth (i.e. Puerto Rico) of the United States, or District of Columbia.
- One year of experience as a psychologist equivalent to the lower grade level.

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- Training/experience/interest in health psychology and psychological interventions, preferably with an emphasis on treating chronic pain.
- Knowledge of biofeedback/hypnosis/relaxation techniques will be a plus.

## **BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))**

***Applicants must demonstrate through their experience or education that they possess the following published KSAs(from VA Handbook 5005) for the grade at which they wish to apply (and grades below that grade if applicable):***

1. Knowledge of, and ability to apply, advanced professional psychological theories and techniques to the full range of patient populations.
2. Ability to provide professional advice and consultation in areas related to professional psychology and behavioral health.
3. Knowledge of clinical research literature.

## **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- This is an Excepted Appointment. Excepted service positions have been excepted from the requirements of the competitive service by law, Executive Order, or by OPM regulation (5 USC 2103 and 5 CFR part 213). Public law No. 108-170 converts this occupational series from the competitive civil service to the Hybrid Title 38 employment system.
- Applicants without prior federal service will be appointed at step one of the grade
- Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.
- All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.
- A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.
- Public transit subsidy benefits are available. Carpooling assistance is provided. However, single occupancy parking is limited on main Portland campus.
- A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.
- Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38 USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).
- [VACareers](#) has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.
- This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.
- It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

### **Portland VAMC Permanent Employees must submit:**

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)
2. MPQ – Merit Promotion Questionnaire is optional but recommended if you have qualifications pertaining to the position applied for but are not in your OPF

### **Other VA Permanent Employees must submit:**

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#)
4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
5. Copies of all current licenses
6. Latest performance appraisal

### **Non VA Applicants must submit:**

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)

2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
4. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (copy must display the required data which includes awards/medals/badges, dates and character of service) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
  - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
  - c. VA letter or DOD documentation of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. Copies of all current licenses, registrations, or certifications (applicable to job).
7. **A copy of your college transcripts**

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 2/2/2010 for 1<sup>st</sup> consideration. This position is open until 7/20/2010 unless filled earlier.** Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, <http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr>

*Applications may be mailed to:*  
 Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS  
**Attn: T38-10-0081-SJ**  
 PO Box 1034  
 Portland, OR 97207

*Or brought in person to:*  
 Portland VA Medical Center  
 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd  
 Building 16, Room 300  
 Portland OR 97239

#### **APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:**

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.
- Foreign Education: To receive credit for education completed outside the United States, you must show proof that the education has been submitted to a private organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials and such education has been deemed at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**